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MINDSZENTY'S CELLMATE DESCRIBES TORTURE

Kovacs Karoly, son of the chairman of the Catholic movement in Hungary, has reported in a second article in the German newspaper Kolnische Rundschau that Cardinal Mindszenty was visited in prison in Budapest by his aged mother, but that he did not know her and mumbled only, "I am well. I am treated well and everything is fine."

The 29-year-old Karoly reports that he was Cardinal Mindszenty's cellmate in prison. Having been sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, he succeeded in escaping to the British Zone in February.

He writes that he and the Cardinal were placed in a hera-tically sealed cell and subjected to changes in the air pressure until they fainted. When the Cardinal regained consciousness, he was urged to sign a document implicating a large number of prominent Catholics, but he refused. He was then forced to stand for hours on his toes with his hands above his head. He fainted several times, but was revived with cold water.

After 3 days without food, Karoly and the Cardinal were promised that they could leave Hungary by plane if they would sign the document. They refused. They were then given very salty food and a guard brought water, which they were permitted to drink only after they had swallowed a number of tablets. The Cardinal was forced to swallow eight of the tablets. In a drugged condition, the Cardinal was then induced to sign various documents.

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ANTAL BAN TO MEET WITH HUNGARIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN SWEDEN

Antal Ban, Social Democrat and former Hungarian Minister of Industry, who is much discussed in Hungarian refugee circles these days, has gone to Stockholm to meet with the Hungarian Social Democrats in Sweden. The meeting will be held on 11-12 March in an office of the \(\subsection{\subset} \) Swedish \(7 \) Federation of Trade Unions.

Ean is the leader of what might be called the "Ban Faction" of exiled Hungarian Social Democrats. He belonged to the younger Social Democratic generation in Hungary and was among those who entered the cabinet after the war -- he, as Minister of Industry -- and there attempted to cooperate with the Communists. By December 1947 he had had his fill (so he reputedly told Prime Minister Erlander on an official visit to Sweden at that time), and shortly after that, in February 1948, he left Hungary and went to Switzerland, leaving his family behind in Budapest. According to his foes in the other Social Democratic refugee faction, the Peyer Group, his wife continues to draw a minister's pension in Hungary.

The Peyer Group, which in the US and in most of the democratic countries of Europe is conducting a bitter fight against Ban and his faction, consists of the older Social Democrats who either went underground or fled when the Germans occupied Hungary. After the war, they categorically refused to cooperate with the Communists. They suspect -- and delightfully point out -- that Ban's "desertion" was trumped up, and that he is really working for the present regime. In Sweden, where the Peyer Group has no adherents, the Hungarian refugee colony positively rejects this assertion.
"Ban is a true democrat," they say, "and there is no reason whatsoever to suspect his motives.

Ban is said to be persona grata among the Swedish Social Democrats, who have demonstrated their feelings toward him by material support:

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